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Subject: MLPAComments: Marine Life Protection Act

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force charged with the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA), specifically your vote on the designated region for the "central coast project" in which MPAs will be placed.

My vote is that the Coastguard Breakwater be included as part of the protected region. As a dive instructor I find the Breakwater an invaluable location to bring new divers for them to not only learn basic diving skills, but also to teach them about conservation and the wonders of the ocean. However, it has become ever more dangerous to do that in recent months as the increase of fisherman along the Breakwater since the new fence has gone in. I have on numerous occasions had to untangle line so that students would not be "caught" by the unthinking fisherman lined up on the wall. I myself have been snagged and have luckily cut myself free without incident.

Thanking you in advance for passing along my thoughts.

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